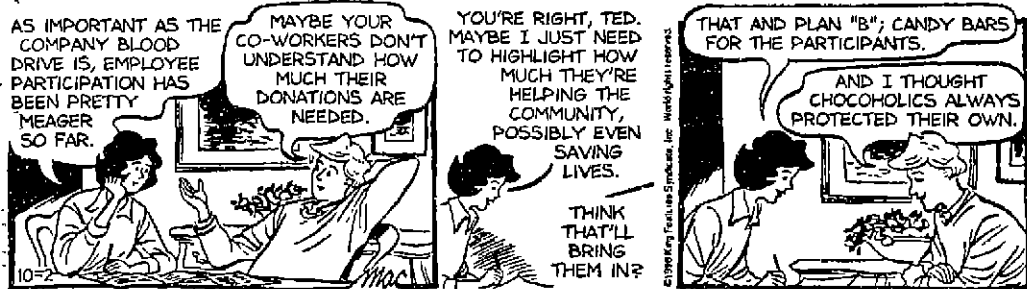


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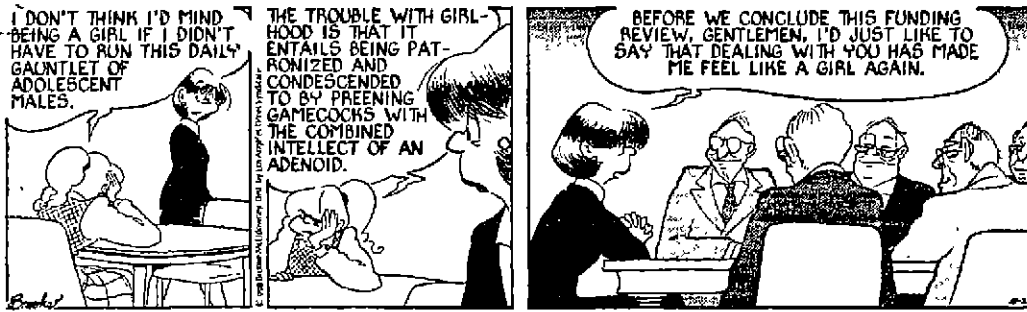
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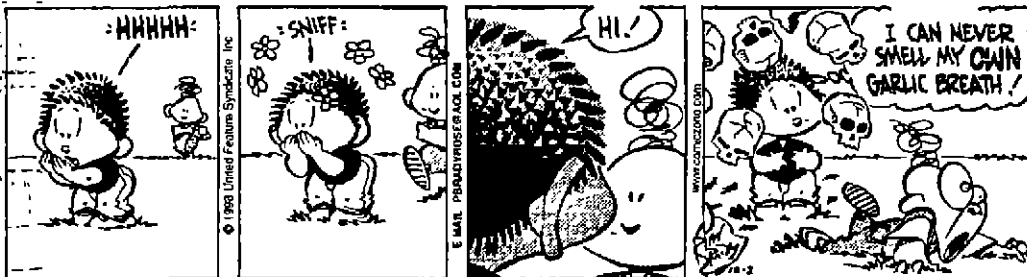
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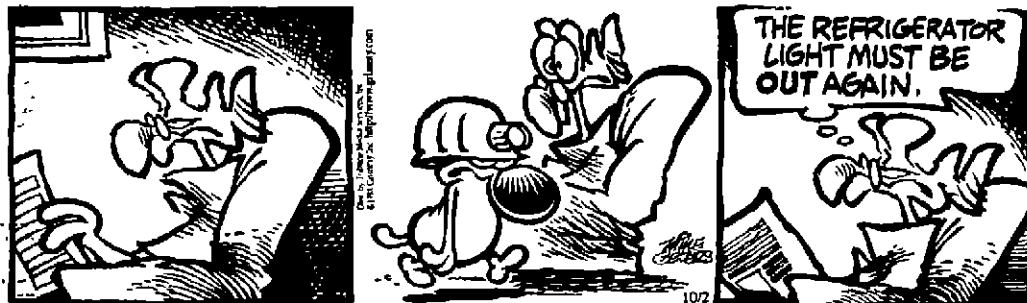
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



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Today's Birthdays

Former Dodgers shortstop Maury Wills is 66. Movie critic Rex Reed is 60. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 53. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 48. Singer-actor Sling is 47. Rock singer Phil Oakley (The Human League) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 40. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime) is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 28.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and instructions. The grid contains letters for a 15x15 puzzle. Instructions include: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blink" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDG'S SOLUTION TOMORROW.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Word Sleuth puzzle. A grid of letters with a central word highlighted. Instructions include: Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Friday's unlisted clue hint: FROG SOUND.

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, Oct. 3, 1998. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be forced to listen to an authority figure whether you like it or not. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some much-needed support appears from an unexpected source. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your reputation is likely to suffer, as you keep being in denial. Cancer (June 21 to July 22) A time of rich mental landscapes finds you highly satisfied to simply be in your own company. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Keeping yourself busy is highly recommended at this time. A newly discovered hobby inspires creativity. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Avoid the temptation to tell even a white lie, particularly to a close friend or partner. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Expect your routine to be disrupted, and be ready to go with the flow. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Play your cards right and your career will take a great turn for the better. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Think long and hard about the commitment you are making before extending an offer. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A relationship with someone very different from you suddenly changes for the better. Intuition is at the root of someone else's puzzling actions. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Allow yourself the luxury of dreaming about a romantic vacation in the tropics, then find a more affordable way to feel decadent. PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A wonderful piece of good news leaves you in extremely high spirits. Share the joy.

ACES ON BRIDGE

Aces on Bridge puzzle. A bridge hand with a deal and a bidding sequence. The deal is: North: KQ 10 8, A Q J, 10 5 3, J 9 8. South: A 6 2, 8 5 4, A 9 8 4 2, 4 3. The bidding is: South 1NT, West Pass, North 3NT, East Pass. The opening lead is Diamond four.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0821

N.Y. Times Crossword puzzle. Across clues: 1 Bygone title, 8 1982 World Cup site, 10 "— date!", 14 Year in Trajan's reign, 18 Bloodline, 19 Turner and others, 17 Bargain establishment, 20 Like new tires, 21 It may be dry, 22 Auto pioneer, 23 Fast stopper, 24 Creed, essentially, 27 Shore leave?, 28 It may be on a roll, 30 "Night Watch" writer Fletcher, 32 Kind of trip, 33 Break, 34 Resort in the Ardennes, 37 Less lean, 38 Bona fide, 39 Tropical headgear, 42 It may be timed, 44 To love in Livorno, 45 White House's — Room, 46 Settles forth, 49 McDonald's supply, 52 Bargain establishment, 54 Like some piano keys, 56 Versatile athlete, 58 Mesabi Range yield, 59 Beam intensely, 60 Break. Down clues: 1 Mediator's skill, 2 Face mask attachments, 3 Tempered, 4 Port on the Paraná, 5 Solomonic, 6 Limnologist's study, 7 Heater or repeater, 8 Twosome, 9 "Peter Pan" dog, 10 Tuition classification, 11 Destination of the Bounty, 12 Lit, 13 Dream, 14 Wait at the light, 15 Like a poorly mixed recording, maybe, 16 7/7 center Marute, 17 Botanist's specialty, 18 Displays displeasure, 19 See duck.

N.Y. Times Crossword puzzle grid. The grid is a 15x15 crossword puzzle with black squares indicating non-letter positions.

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-426-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.